

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): If that is the stipulation on which Government undertook the work, then certainly the work will be dropped if the people do not surrender the lands as promised.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Are the Government aware that this road goes from the 8th mile of the Alleppey-Shertala road to the East Mohama?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Are the Government aware that, on the 8th mile of the road, there is a Police Out-Post, a thriving market and coir factories?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I am not aware.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Is the Chief Engineer aware that there are European firms at Mohama on the eastern end?

PRESIDENT: Mr. Menon, you are disobeying my ruling. You must not give information when you are asking a question.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was there not an undertaking by the people of the locality that they would surrender the land free?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Yes; there was.

Floods in Shertala.

51. * **MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON** (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of the very great havoc done by the recent floods in Shertala to *Kannipoovu* paddy cultivation; and

(b) whether they will institute enquiries to sanction appropriate remission of land tax in the affected areas?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (a) The Government have no information at present. The Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, has been asked to ascertain and report the extent of damages caused by the recent floods in the Shertala taluk;

(b) The question will be considered after the receipt of the Dewan Peishkar's report.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Is the Land Revenue Commissioner aware that, by the visitation of three successive floods, the whole of the *Kannippoo* cultivation has been washed away in Shertala?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That information is being collected by the Dewan Peishkars. The Tahsildars have been asked to go round the actual area and report on the actual situation in detail. On the receipt of the report of the Dewan Peishkars, necessary action will be taken.